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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated 10/3/2003 finding that applicant has claimed three patentably distinct species (i.e., no one of which is made "obvious" in view of any other or combination of the others under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby elects the patentably distinct species A related to Figures 3-6 on which claims 1, 2 and 3 are readable. As the Examiner has already recognized, claim 1 is a generic claim and thus allowance of all patentably distinct species claims is believed appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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